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Group Art Unit: 2176

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRUNING AN ARTICLE

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- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
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() Other: (fee \$)

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TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
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Respectfully submitted,

John R. Milton

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 26, 2004

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

In regard to the outstanding nonfinal Office Action (Paper No. 3) mailed on February 26, 2004, Applicant submits the following Response.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: